

## **CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING May 9, 2005 7:30 p.m.**

#### **I. Call Meeting To Order**

Mr. Leborious called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook.

- II. **Attendance:** Richard LeBoriosis, Chairman, John Parda, Joe Roberts, Noreen Farmer, Peter Nevers, Kathy Bilodeau  
Unable to attend: Cliff Nelson, Ed Filipone, Ralph Saunders

- III. **Added Agenda Items** – None.

#### **IV. Public Participation**

**Elise Speilberg, 244 Rye Street, Nancy Masters 312 Rye Street on behalf of the Warehouse Point Library Ad Hoc Committee.**

Ms. Speilberg and Ms. Masters came before the Commission to discuss the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Warehouse Point Library. They outlined the history of the relationship between the Library Association and the Town, as well as the current proposal to have the Town take on the ownership of the library building. They have researched Charters of surrounding Towns wherein the Library is a Town function. They read to the Commission their conceptual plan which outlined the appointments. There will be an Association as well which will control the endowments. Library employees will be Town employees. This will be a phased project → board, building, employees. The steps are as follows, Board of Selectmen approval, town meeting approval and then incorporation into the Charter.

It was recommended to them that the proposed Charter language be vague to allow for open/generalization as Charter Revision is every five years. The Library representatives will come back in the Fall, after building purchase and the concept is adopted. They are also aware that if their timeline changes, they need to keep the Commission aware.

They asked the Commission if they had a chance to look at the changes to their submitted portion of the Charter. Chairman Leborious explained the course of events and that they have an opportunity at the public hearing to voice their opinions as to the draft Charter. Ms. Spielberg and Ms. Masters were asked to keep the Commission up to date on the status of this project and the Commission would do their best to comply with the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations.

#### **V. Written Communications**

Discussion ensued regarding former communication from Joanne Koczeko referencing vacancies and appointments – Chairman Leborious to forward a letter re: same and copy the Board of Education.

#### **VI. Previous Minutes**

- a. April 28, 2005 Regular Meeting

**MOTION: To accept the April 28, 2005 regular meeting minutes as submitted.**

**Made by Mr. Nevers, seconded by Ms. Bilodeau**

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **VII. Continued Review Of Charter And Discussion Of Potential Revision(s)**

- **Community Day results**

The members present on Community Day reported the Charter Revision table was quiet and no responses were received in the suggestion box. One resident suggested if the Town Manager idea is adopted, the residents be given a survey, after the hire has taken place, to voice how they feel the job is being done.

Concerns were expressed that the decision has been made by the Commission to incorporate a Town Manager into Charter Revision. No opinions/decisions have been made in that regard.

- **Status of public forum on May 26, 2005**

The original idea of sending out the flyer for the forum in the school newsletter fell through, as the school flyer was already 8 pages and it was expressed addition of the flyer would be too much. The copiers were available for use. The printing of the flyers and advertising in the Reminder were discussed and details attended to. It was noted that flyers were distributed at the budget hearing.

- Refreshments will be served;
- Chairman to confirm participants agenda what they will address;
- Discussed how to get public participation;
- Press releases in papers;
- Suggested cards at forum to pose specific questions to panel;
- Commission asked to be present at 6:30 p.m. for set up.

- **General review**

Seniors have expressed concerns with the suggested revisions → an idea for the future would be to go to the Senior Center for a coffee social to obtain ideas about Charter revision. Continued outreach efforts will be discussed at a future meeting.

Dr. Galluchi will discuss any suggested revisions with the Board of Education and get back to the Commission should there be a need to do so.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn at 8:30 p.m.**

**Made by Ms. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Bilodeau**

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia D. Croxford  
Recording Secretary